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In re:

NEW ENGLAND MOTOR FREIGHT, INC., et al.,

Debtors. 1

Order Filed on May 14, 2019 by Clerk U.S. Bankruptcy Court District of New Jersey

Chapter 11

Case No. 19-12809 (JKS)

(Jointly Administered)

#### **CONSENT ORDER**

This consent order (the "Consent Order") is made by and among Great Dane LLC and Great Dane Limited Partnership (collectively, "Great Dane"), the above-captioned debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the "Committee" and, together with Great Dane and the Debtors, the "Parties").

**DATED: May 14, 2019** 

Logistics, LLC (4666).

<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases and the last four digits of each Debtor's taxpaver identification number are as follows: New England Motor Freight, Inc. (769 Inc. (2777); Apex Logistics, Inc. (5347); Jans Lea (4357); MyJon, LLC (7305); Hollywood Avenue Sc

Honorable John K. Sherwood United States Bankruptcy Court

## **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2019 (the "Petition Date"), each of the above-captioned Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11, title 11, United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101, et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code"), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "Bankruptcy Court"), thereby initiating the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases"). With the exception of Debtors Eastern Freight Ways, Inc. and Carrier Industries, Inc., which will be sold as going-concerns, the Debtors, as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code, are engaged in an orderly liquidation of their assets and wind-down of their businesses, toward the goal of preserving and maximizing the value of their assets for all creditors; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 25, 2019, the Office of the United States Trustee appointed the Committee; and

WHEREAS, prior to the Petition Date, Great Dane manufactured twenty-five (25) trailers for Debtor New England Motor Freight, Inc. ("<u>NEMF</u>") bearing the VIN numbers listed on <u>Schedule A</u> to this Consent Order (collectively, the "<u>Retained Trailers</u>"), but did not deliver the Retained Trailers to NEMF; and

WHEREAS, the Retained Trailers continue to be in the possession of Great Dane; and WHEREAS, the purchase price for the Retained Trailers was \$918,750.00 (the "Retained Trailers Claim"), which amount has not been paid to Great Dane by NEMF; and

WHEREAS, prior to the Petition Date, solely for the purpose of facilitating NEMF's receipt of title after possession of the Retained Trailers was to be transferred to NEMF, the Debtors received a certificate of origin for each of the Retained Trailers, and the Debtors continue to be in possession of those certificates of origin (collectively, the "Certificates of

Origin"); and

WHEREAS, prior to the Petition Date, Great Dane manufactured an additional twenty-five (25) trailers for NEMF bearing the VIN numbers listed on <u>Schedule B</u> to this Consent Order (collectively, the "<u>Transferred Trailers</u>" and, together with the Retained Trailers, the "<u>Trailers</u>"), and did deliver the Transferred Trailers to NEMF; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price for the Transferred Trailers was \$766,575.00 (the "<u>Transferred Trailers Claim</u>"), which amount has not been paid to Great Dane by NEMF; and WHEREAS, NEMF is in possession of the Transferred Trailers and the certificates of title with respect to the Transferred Trailers; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2019, NEMF filed its Schedules of Assets and Liabilities, listing Great Dane as holding a contingent unsecured claim against NEMF in the amount of \$766,575.00, which is the same amount as the Transferred Trailers Claim; and

WHEREAS, the Parties having engaged in settlement discussions and negotiations concerning the Trailers, the Transferred Trailers Claim, and the Retained Trailers Claim, now desire to amicably resolve, settle and compromise the dispute related thereto as provided in this Consent Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. The Debtors shall return the Certificates of Origin to Great Dane no later than five (5) business days following entry of this Consent Order by the Bankruptcy Court and this Consent Order becoming final.
- 3. In consideration of this Consent Order, automatically upon receipt of the Certificates of Origin, except for the Allowed Great Dane Claim (as defined below), Great Dane forever

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waives, releases and discharges the Debtors, the Debtors' estates, and each of their respective successors, agents and assigns of and from any and all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suits, guarantees, debts, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions, claims, and demands whatsoever in law or in equity, now known or unknown, or hereafter becoming known, for, upon, or by reason of any matter, cause or thing related to the Trailers, the Transferred Trailers Claim, and the Retained Trailers Claims, whether or not such claims are known or unknown to Great Dane, and whether or not such claims have been asserted by Great Dane.

- 4. Upon entry of this Consent Order by the Bankruptcy Court and this Consent Order becoming final, Great Dane shall have an allowed unsecured claim against NEMF on account of the Transferred Trailers Claim in the amount of \$766,575.00 (the "Allowed Great Dane Claim"), which Allowed Great Dane Claim shall be allowed in full and shall not be subject to any avoidance, reductions, setoff, offset, recharacterization, subordination (whether equitable, contractual, or otherwise), counterclaims, cross-claims, defenses, disallowance, impairment, objection, or any other challenges under any applicable law or regulation by any person or entity, including but not limited to the Debtors, the Committee, and any successors, trustees, or examiners appointed for the Debtors and their estates.
- 5. Upon entry of this Consent Order by the Bankruptcy Court and this Consent Order becoming final, the Debtors, the Debtors' estates, and each of their respective successors, agents and assigns shall be deemed to have waived and released any claims, arguments or rights to assert, under bankruptcy or non-bankruptcy law, that the Retained Trailers are property of the Debtors' bankruptcy estates.

- 6. This Consent Order constitutes the entire agreement and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, both written and oral, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, is not intended to confer upon any other person any rights or remedies hereunder.
- 7. The undersigned persons represent and warrant that they have full authority to execute this Consent Order on behalf of the respective Parties and that the respective Parties have full knowledge of and have consented to this Consent Order.
- 8. This Consent Order may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original. It shall not be necessary in making proof of this Consent Order to produce or account for more than one such counterpart.
- 9. This Consent Order may not be amended without the express written consent of all Parties hereto and entry by the Bankruptcy Court of an amended order approving same.
- 10. This Consent Order shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and upon all of their affiliates, assigns and successors, including without limitation any bankruptcy trustee that might be appointed in the future.
- 11. It is acknowledged that each of the Parties has participated in and jointly consented to the drafting of this Consent Order and that any claimed ambiguity shall not be construed for or against either of the Parties on account of such drafting.
- 12. Each of the Parties hereby irrevocably consents to the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy

  Court with respect to any action to enforce the terms and provisions of this Consent Order and
  expressly waives any right to commence any such action in any forum other than the Bankruptcy

  Court. This Consent Order shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the

  State of New Jersey, without regard to the conflict of laws of the State of New Jersey.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Consent Order as of the date and year first written below and each such Party consents to the form and manner of this Consent Order.

Dated: April 30, 2019

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# **SCHEDULE A**

### **Retained Trailers**

1GR1P9018KD168998

1GR1P901XKD168999

1GR1P9010KD169000

1GR1P9012KD169001

1GR1P9014KD169002

1GR1P9016KD169003

1GR1P9018KD169004

1GR1P901XKD169005

1GR1P9011KD169006

1GR1P9013KD169007

1GR1P9015KD169008

1GR1P9017KD169009

1GR1P9013KD169010

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1GR1P9019KD169013

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1GR1P9010KD169014

1GR1P9012KD169015

1GR1P9014KD169016

1GR1P9016KD169017

1GR1P9018KD169018

1GR1P901XKD169019

1GR1P9016KD169020

1GR1P9018KD169021

1GR1P901XKD169022

# **SCHEDULE B**

## **Transferred Trailers**

1GR1P962XKD168047

1GR1P9621KD168048

1GR1P9623KD168049

1GR1P962XKD168050

1GR1P9621KD168051

1GR1P9623KD168052

1GR1P9625KD168053

1GR1P9627KD168054

1GR1P9629KD168055

1GR1P9620KD168056

1GR1P9622KD168057

1GR1P9624KD168058

1GR1P9626KD168059

1GR1P9622KD168060

1GR1P9624KD168061

1GR1P9626KD168062

1GR1P9628KD168063

1GR1P962XKD168064

1GR1P9621KD168065

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1GR1P9627KD168068

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1GR1P9625KD168070

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